



IEEE Accessing the Future Conference

Track 1: Accessibility Standards
and Universal Design
Report Out



- Awareness
 - National and international awareness programs to ensure that people are aware of what is available to them.
- Education
 - Ensure that accessibility and the needs of people with disabilities are incorporated into the Education of those who will generate future ICT.
- Build in accessibility
 - Build accessibility into the ICT infrastructure so that it is a natural part of ICT that anyone operating under constraints can invoke as they need it - including those with little or no resources.
 - Build tools and infrastructure that make it easier for companies to include access into their products and systems
- Support AT ecosystem
 - Find ways to support the AT ecosystem (purchase, support, development) for those things that cannot be built in



■ Sustainability

- Budget line item support needed to ensure maintenance of accessibility tools and systems in order to keep them up to date and effective in the face of continually evolving ICT. (Need more than intermittent funding)

■ Resources

- Development of a clear (easier to understand) consensus plan for how to move forward nationally (for each nation) and internationally to achieve the goal of eInclusion.
- Create examples of what is needed that can be used as models.
- Internationally create National Agendas for accessibility and inclusion that includes long term support across all of the sectors/areas needed to achieve access

■ Coordinated effort

- Build an international community to create orchestrated public/private/consumer/academic roadmap for moving forward